(c) whether it is also a fact that all the five schemes of the State are pending with Central Government for clearance; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by Government to expedite clearance of all the five schemes of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Council of Science and Technology, UP, Department of Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh had submitted five schemes/projects of science & technology sector for approval of Central Government in the Department of Bio-Technology.

(b) These five proposals relate to (i) Demonstration & transfer of technology for bio-pesticides; (ii) Display, demonstration & training on BGA Bio-fertilizer technology; (iii) Establishment of Center for Bio-fertilisers, (iv) Establishment of Center of plant tissue culture and (v) demonstration and training on cultivation and processing of medicinal and aromatic plants.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Promoting of scientific research

1987. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring framework legislation to promote scientific research;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the legislation would be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) Discussions are taking place whether or not there is a need to have legislation to promote scientific research in the country.

Research in Biotechnology

1988. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Biotechnology has selected new areas for research in the field of Biotechnology;